

INSIDE: MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2007

All Village of
Arden residents are
encouraged to
attend the next

Town Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2007

in Gild Hall, 7:30 p.m.

2126 The Highway, Arden, Delaware

THE TOWN ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA WILL INCLUDE:

1. Election of Officers and Committee Members. You can see the names of those who have been nominated on page 3 of this booklet. Some nominees are still needed!
2. Committee reports in reverse-alphabetical order, including the Budget Committee's presentation of the Three-Year Projected Budget.
3. Report on the upcoming Comcast franchise agreement and of multiple domiciles, news of a celebration honoring the Hamburgers (who are about to move to New York City) and the search for Aaron's replacement as Trustee, and the splitting up of the Trustee's administrative assistant duties into two areas: leaseholds and accounting.
4. Snacks courtesy of the Archives Committee.

All are welcome hither

Please note: Those attending town meetings are eligible to vote if they have resided in Arden during the six months prior to the meeting and are 18 years old or older.

Nominees for Arden Village Committees & Officers

Voting will take place at the Town Meeting on March 26, 2007, and will be one of the first orders of business once the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Nominees are listed alphabetically • Blank spaces will be on the ballot for write-ins. Below are those nominated so far. To add a nominee, contact Elizabeth Varley at 475-7980.

THIS IS NOT A BALLOT!

ARCHIVES

vote for 3

Terry Colgan*
June Kleban
Gary Mullinax
Lisa Mullinax*
Deborah Ricard*
Annie Schmittinger

AUDIT

vote for 2

Christine Demsey*
David Michelson
Laura Wallace*
Tom Wheeler

BUDGET

vote for 3

David Michelson
Megan Murphy
Jeff Politis
Gary Quinton
Barbara Shippy*
Steve Tanzer*

BWVC

vote for 3

Maria Burslem*
Ellen Dolmetsch
Willard Glenn*
Warren Rosenkranz
Laura Wallace*
nominee needed

CIVIC

vote for 3

Steven Blades*
Dale Brumbaugh*
Rodney Jester
Susan Rothrock*
Warren Rosenkranz
Debbie Sheiker

COMMUNITY PLANNING

vote for 3

Terry Colgan*
Ron Meick
Ray Seigfried
nominee needed
nominee needed
nominee needed

FOREST

*vote for 5; top 3 will serve
2-year terms; next two
elected for 1-year terms*

Lou Bean*
Marianne Cinaglia
Alton Dahl
Carl Falco
Mickey Fitzharris
Mary Marconi
Megan Murphy
Ruth Panella
Lynne Svenning
Elizabeth Varley

PLAYGROUND

vote for 3

Robert Bryan
Deriel Milligan
Dale Sampson-Levin
Mary Vernon*
Leah Walker
nominee needed

REGISTRATION

vote for 2

Ruth Bean*
Elaine Hickey
Mary Murphy
Beth Stevenson*

SAFETY

vote for 3

Randy Hoopes
Barney King
Greg Morrison
Denis O'Regan*
Peter Renzetti*
Mike Sutton

TOWN ASSEMBLY

CHAIR *vote for 1*
Steven Threefoot*

TOWN SECRETARY

vote for 1
Larry Walker

ADVISORY CHAIR

vote for 1
Bill Theis

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Assembly of the Village of Arden (uncorrected)

Monday, January 22, 2007

Gild Hall – Arden, Delaware

55 residents were in attendance, as shown below. Of these, 40 attended the last meeting. 42 residents who attended the last meeting did not attend this meeting. In recent years, attendance at January meetings was 60 in 2006, 45 in 2005, 78 in 2004, 51 in 2003, 49 in 2002, 50 in 2001, 99 in 2000, 74 in 1999, 56 in 1998, 60 in 1997, and 56 in 1996.

Beverly S. Barnett
Ruth Bean
Samuel "Lou" Bean
Steven Blades
Marianne Cinaglia
Mike Curtis
Alton Dahl
Christine Demsey
John Demsey
Dorinda Dove
Carl Falco
Phil "Hair-Growing" Fisher
Willard Glenn
Aaron Hamburger
Sally Hamburger
Elaine Hickey
Heidi Hoegger
Rodney Jester
June Kleban
Lynda Kolski

Mary Lo
Matthew Lo
Connee Wright McKinney
Roberta Meick
Ron Meick
David Michelson
Greg Morrison
Betty O'Regan
Denis O'Regan
Liz Porter
William Press
Gary Quinton
Annie Renzetti
Peter A. Renzetti
Liz Resko
Deborah M. Ricard
Hugh Roberts
Ed Rohrbach
Warren G. Rosenkranz
Sue Rothrock

Kate Sayer
Marvin Sayer
Danny Schweers
Ray Seigfried
Neal Ann Stephens
Sally Sharpe
Sadie Somerville
Beth Stevenson
Steve Tanzer
Bill Theis
Steven Threefoot
Elizabeth Varley
Laura Wallace
Tom Wheeler

*New residents not voting
were Megan Murphy and
Keri Will-del Tufo. Also in
attendance was Robert Lints,
a visitor.*

1.0 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Steven Threefoot, Chair of the Town Assembly, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously. Prior to the meeting, two corrections were made to the published minutes: Gary Quinton's name was corrected, as was David Michelson's. Their first names had been switched on pages 2 and 3.

New Residents: Keri Will-del Tufo introduced herself, as did Megan Murphy.

1.1 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAIR:

The Council of Civic Organizations of the Brandywine Hundred (CCOBH) will be holding a meeting on *Delaware Education at the Crossroads*, February 8, at Brandywine High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. This will be a panel discussion. We are a member of CCOBH. Anyone interested in being our representative to this regional organization? If so, contact Steven. [After meeting, Marianne Cinaglia offered to be our representative.]

We have received, at our request, a new State of Delaware flag, courtesy of State Representative Wayne Smith. This flag flew over the state capitol at 07:15 hours on September 26, 2006. Elizabeth Varley moved, with many seconds, that a letter of gratitude be sent to Wayne in appreciation of his efforts. The motion passed unanimously.

The Arden Hurricane Relief Committee sent us a letter, which was read aloud by Connee Wright McKinney, as follows:

This is our final report to the Village of Arden on the Hurricane Relief Committee fundraising.

We held our Bow Wow Ball at the Buzz Ware Village Center on September 30, 2006. The Ball was co-chaired by Lynda Kolski, who handled the Silent Auction at the event, and Connee McKinney. There was much frivolity, floppy ears, and wild and crazy dancing to music preformed by Frank Vincent and the Bow Wow Band. All of the food was dog-themed: Schnauzer Snicker Brownies, Kibbles & Bits, and Pink Poodle Punch. We had posters of the "Dogs of Arden" (please see the display at the back of the Gild Hall), using photos taken by Gordon Hesse and Debbie Ricard, and a charming selection of dog collars (some personalized for a dollar-a-collar) created by Karen Jesse. A variety of dog hats and caps were decorated with Bow Wow Ball buttons and with tongues, noses, and ears fabricated by Cecilia Vore and Linda Toman so that the partygoers brought a level of high fashion to Arden not seen in recent years.

Last spring, a group from Arden worked with Habitat for Humanity on their "House in a Box" program to prefabricate sections for a home for a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina. At the end of this March, a group from Arden will be travelling to Mobile, Alabama, to help complete the home for the family. As a result of our fundraising, the Hurricane Relief Committee has sent a check for \$5,279.55 to Habitat for Humanity, New Castle County, to help underwrite a small part of the costs of that home. If you are interested in joining the group going to Mobile, you are more than welcome. Please let me know and I will keep you informed as I receive more details from Habitat. This will be an all-expenses-unpaid trip. As a side trip, some of us will be visiting the first Single Tax community (Arden was the second) in Fairhope, Alabama, which is nearby on Mobile Bay.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed so generously in time and money to support the cause, to the Buzz Ware Village Center (Beverley Fleming, Willard Glenn, Gracie Glenn, et. al.) and to the Hurricane Relief Committee members (Maria and Alan Burslem, Joann Colameco, Gordon Hesse, Sharon Hull, Linda Kerr, June Kleban, Lynda Kolski, Mary Marconi, Debbie Ricard, Warren Rosenkrantz and Tom Wheeler ... a dream team if ever there was one.)

When Connee finished reading, she was greeted with applause. Steven noted that it is a sad day down there in New Orleans today after yesterday's football game. [The Saints were eliminated from the playoffs.]

2.0 TRUSTEES:

Connee McKinney presented the following report.

FINANCES: We have copies of the third quarter report September 26, 2006 through January 22, 2007 available tonight. [This report is reprinted on this page and the next.]

BUCKINGHAM GREENE: As required by Vice Chancellor Noble, on January 5, 2007, the Trustees and the defendant each submitted an evaluation of "equitable" remedies to prevent further erosion and allow for restoration of the Sherwood Forest. We have three weeks to respond to the defendant's submission.

MULTIPLE DOMICILE INITIATIVE: We have sent a letter to the chairs of Community Planning Committee and Town Assembly to use in the town's discussions with the New Castle County Department of Land Use stating that the Trustees of Arden have no objection to the town's efforts to achieve legal non- conforming status for the extra domiciles listed in Schedule A or for those mentioned as currently "inactive in the motion passed at the last town meeting (September 25, 2006), The Trustees support but will not be spearheading this initiative.

LEASE TRANSFERS: There have been five lease transfers since the September Town Meeting.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION:

January 16, 2007

To: Connee McKinney
Mike Curtis
From: Aaron Hamburger

Sally and I will be moving to New York City within the next four months. Therefore, with great regret, I am resigning as a Trustee of Arden effective with the election of a new Trustee to replace me.

Trustees' Report: Receipts and Bank Balances as of January 22, 2007

Checking/Savings	
ARDEN BUILDING & LOAN - TRUSTEE	.... \$158,602.51
TRUSTEES - WILMINGTON TRUST	..... 1,472.69
VANGUARD	
FUND 30	..... 3,726.07
FUND 33	..... 3,755.03
MSA - FUND 50	..... 32,101.62
Total VANGUARD	..... 39,582.72
Total Checking/Savings	..... 199,657.92
Accounts Receivable: Land Rent	..... 8,122.45
Total Accounts Receivable	..... 8,122.45
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 207,780.37

Trustee Quarterly Report, April 1, 2006, through January 22, 2007

ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Income		
LAND RENT	434,000.00	444,000.00
MEADOW LANE ACCESS	702.70	699.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN DONATIONS	2,395.00	2,000.00
RIGHTS-OF-WAY		
Cable TV	0.00	5,000.00
Roads	4,311.46	5,000.00
United Water Antenna Agreement	5,315.00	5,000.00
Total Rights-of-Way	9,626.46	15,000.00
Total Income	446,724.16	461,699.00
Expense		
ADVISORY COMMITTEE	210.61	300.00
ARCHIVES	352.79	1,000.00
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	0.00	50.00
BUZZ WARE VILLAGE CENTER: Maintenance ..	1,507.56	2,000.00
Programs	191.73	1,000.00
Renovations: Improvements	800.00	6,000.00
Renovations: Roof	0.00	6,000.00
Total Buzz Ware Village Center	2,499.29	15,000.00
CIVIC: Commons Electricity	88.32	100.00
Commons, other	7,030.82	
Mowing	10,085.00	8,400.00
Forests	2,345.25	16,000.00
Roads	10,873.75	16,000.00
Special Clean-up	0.00	2,000.00
Trash	35,820.35	40,500.00
Total CIVIC	66,243.49	83,000.00
COMMUNITY PLANNING	0.00	1,000.00
CONTINGENCIES	0.00	2,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	4,850.00	4,850.00
GILD HALL RENTAL	1,535.00	1,250.00
LOAN PAYABLE	12,136.34	16,200.00
PLAYGROUND	828.02	1,800.00
REGISTRATION	583.74	700.00
SAFETY: Harvey Road Speed Enforcement	0.00	2,000.00
Town Watch Fee	1,800.00	2,400.00
Other	0.00	1,000.00
Total SAFETY	1,800.00	5,400.00
Special Ardencroft Parkland Acquisition	5,000.00	5,000.00
TAXES: Local School District	236,049.25	222,705.00
TAXES: New Castle County Property	59,943.91	55,006.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE EXP.	2,588.93	3,250.00
TOWN BOOKKEEPING SERVICE Gross Wages ..	2,018.00	2,936.00
TOWN SECRETARY	4,900.00	7,230.00
TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATIVE	40,723.69	55,026.00
MEMORIAL GARDEN	5,096.67	6,000.00
Total Expense	447,359.73	489,703.00

I was elected Trustee in the spring of 1998. For me, it has been a challenging, stimulating, sometimes stressful, and productive nine years. The opportunity to serve the Village of Arden has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. I will leave Arden knowing that we have a vibrant, vital community, in constant flux, but, after 107 years, still true to the founding principles.

[signed] Aaron S. Hamburger

The Trustees will begin the process of selecting a new trustee by asking residents for their recommendations for qualified candidates to be submitted in writing to the trustees with any supporting pertinent information. A notice about Aaron's resignation and this request will be placed in the February Arden Page and, we will supply a letter to the Registration Committee asking that Committee to mail a letter in February to each resident with the information and the deadline for submission of a candidate.

Over his many years of service to Arden, Aaron has been a catalyst for many community initiatives as a Trustee and as a community activist. We thank him, sincerely, for the time and energy he has freely given to keep this experimental land value taxation and direct democracy alive and well in this Arts and Crafts-inspired community. Thank you, Aaron, and please accept our best wishes to you and Sally in your move to the bigger village of New York City.

This report was accepted unanimously.

3.0 ASSESSORS REPORT

Alton Dahl reported that the Assessors have had an organizational meeting at which Brooke Bovard was elected chair and a meeting schedule was set.

This report was accepted unanimously.

4.0 ADVISORY

Elizabeth Varley, Advisory Chair, announced that tonight we start the process of gathering nominees to fill our committees for the next year, with elections in March. Steven Threefoot, is running again, but Danny Schweers, Secretary and Elizabeth Varley are not. Bill Theis has agreed to be a nominee for Advisory Chair. Committee by committee, Elizabeth reviewed those who had already agreed to be nominees and, after asking for more nominees, got a few more. [A list of nominees can be found on page 3 of this publication. A few more nominees are needed.]

Elizabeth then held up the "Arden: Here's How It Works" flyer which describes each committee. [It is available on our website, www.theardens.com.]

Maryanne Cinaglia: We used to have a party in February or March to introduce new members and new committee members or nominees. If there is interest, we could revive this old tradition.

This report was accepted unanimously.

5.0 ARCHIVES

Sadie Somerville made the following report.

Volunteers continue to open the Museum on Sunday afternoons, 1:30–3:00 p.m., and Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9:00 p.m. We continue to acquire artifacts and stories of historical interest. Sadie then read a letter from the State of Delaware Historical and Cultural Affairs, which will hold a meeting and offer workshops in February to discuss state policies to preserve history. Contact Sadie for details.

This report was accepted unanimously.

5.1 ARDEN CRAFT SHOP MUSEUM

Alton Dahl reported that the Museum is running well. One tenant moved out recently, but there was only a one-day vacancy. Last year we had a net surplus over expenses of \$6,000 and managed to pay down a substantial portion of our mortgage. Last year we did repairs in last apartment. The \$6,000 has gone into a reserve fund.

Ed Rohrbach: Any plans to repoint the stonework? Alton: no plans at the moment. Ed: this could become urgent. Alton: stonework was added after the building was complete, doesn't hold up the building. Pete Renzetti: this stone doesn't require outside pointing since it is raked back. Alton: This building [Gild Hall] is in much worse shape.

These reports were accepted unanimously.

6.0 AUDIT

Steven Threefoot read Helen Ohlson's report, as follows.

On December 29, 2006, I perused the Arden financial books for the previous three months, and found all to be in order.

This report was accepted unanimously.

7.0 BUDGET

No report. Steven noted that each committee's 3-year budget forecast is due in mid-February.

8.0 BUZZ WARE VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Willard Glenn made the following report.

At the last town meeting a budget was presented with some errors. These have been corrected and the budget updated. [See next page.] The budget line item under Town Money for renovation was corrected as well as the Current Assets of the Buzz at the bottom of the Reconciliation sheet. This reconciliation is hereby presented to the Town Assembly. It has been requested by the advisory committee that the Buzz committee seek the advice of the Budget Committees skills in the budget process of the Buzz Ware Village Center.

This committee welcomes this opportunity whole heartedly. As much as the Buzz needs a makeover so does the budget process.

And now some updates on our committees projects. We currently have four bids on roof replacements. Theses bids range from 14,000 to 27,000. These

proposals will be discussed at our next meeting January 31st. The adult bathroom will be finished this early spring with the installation of the toilet and sink. We will also be seeking bids for exterior painting of the Buzz. The bookings of room use at the Buzz is on the climb. Beverley Fleming our building manager has informed me that we have a pretty full calendar thru June. Coffee house has been well attended. Tellabration last November was a great success. We are in the planning stages of our second year of participation in the 100th Annual Arden Fair. We look forward to a creative and productive year.

This report was accepted unanimously.

Buzz Ware Village Center Account Reconciliation for 2005-2006

	Actual 3/25/04- 3/24/05	Actual 3/25/05- 3/24/06	Year to Date (1/15/07) & Projected 3/25/06- 3/24/07	Projected 3/25/07- 3/24/08
Revenues				
Interest:				
Bank Interest - Wilmmgton Trust	\$29.08	\$15.08	\$15.00	\$15.00
Bank interest-AB&L	840.40	873.18	645.00	300.00
Misc. Income:				
Donation, Restricted (new chairs)	427.00	80.00	80.00	0.00
Donation, Ardencroft	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00
Donation, Ardentown	1,100.00	700.00	600.00	1,100.00
Donation, Other	1,655.00	1,745.08	500.00	500.00
Town money; renovation	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00
2004 Auction	13,576.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flea Market	0.00	0.00	1,750.00	0.00
Arden Fair	0.00	0.00	3,100.00	4,000.00
Rental Fees:				
YMCA	13,110.00	1,380.00	3,375.00	3,750.00
Other Rentals	<u>5,315.00</u>	<u>7,719.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME:	\$43,053.27	\$19,512.34	\$20,565.00	\$21,665.00
Disbursements (Expenses)				
Admin/Program	735.70	621.84	\$200.00	250.00
Maintenance, Custodial & Supplies	21,807.57	8,551.43	7,500.00	9,000.00
Small Equipment	18,358.45	527.87	800.00	500.00
Utilities:				
Electricity	2,246.71	1,503.71	2,150.00	1,650.00
Oil	4,086.63	3,022.40	3,000.00	4,000.00
Water	469.65	270.19	265.00	300.00
Phone	<u>383.47</u>	<u>481.98</u>	<u>560.00</u>	<u>575.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$48,088.18	\$14,979.42	\$14,475.00	\$16,275.00
Net Operating Profit:	-\$5,034.91	\$4,532.92	\$6,090.00	\$5,390.00

Current Assets: \$22,413.27 in Arden Building and Loan for window replacement; \$10,593.67 in checking account (for operating expenses and capital improvements); and \$18,000.00 is held by the Trustees to repair the roof.

9.0 CIVIC COMMITTEE

Sue Rothrock made the following report.

We are looking for a few good volunteers that would like to be nominated to serve on Civic. If you are interested, please contact me and I will talk to you about our duties.

As of January 1st the yard waste ban is in effect for New Castle County. Please use the supplied yard waste bags from DSWA. These bags are biodegradable. Waste Management will not pick up any garbage that has yard waste in it. Yard waste consists of grass, leaves, brush, shrubs, garden materials, Christmas trees, and tree limbs up to four inches in diameter. Leaves can still be taken to the composting pile in Ardentown.

Civic has a new telephone number. The number is 373-5270. This number and our e-mail address are posted on www.theardens.com. Please leave a message and someone will get back to ASAP. This will allow for better communication when members of the Civic Committee are out of town. (Denis O'Regan asked facetiously, "After bedtime, we should still call you at home, yes!?")

The woods cleanup this year will be run by the Forest Committee along with the Community Planning Committee. They will have more information for you.

We will be having the third annual electronics recycling in April or May. There will be more information at the March Town Meeting and posted on the bulletin boards when we have more details for you.

Marianne Cinaglia: What's cardboard? Sue: only corrugated cardboard. No Macy's boxes, cereal boxes, pizza boxes: nothing with a printed or waxed surface.

Ruth Bean: We are being served by a wonderful group who has been cleaning up our leaves and cutting our grass, done beautifully and on time. Sue: Seth Van Neerden and his company, Turning Leaf, have received many compliments. Steven: Seth grew up here and is still active in Village life.

Beverly Barnett: Any problems with yard waste or recycling? Sue: Yard waste bags are now thicker. Steven Threefoot: As a village, we have been very successful. We are recycling at near 85% of what we can recycle, but could do better.

This report was accepted unanimously.

10.0 COMMUNITY PLANNING: No report.

Steven Threefoot: The village has contacted New Castle County about the multiple domicile issue as approved at the September, 2006, town meeting but not yet made a presentation.

Alton Dahl: These are not illegal domiciles, they are non-conforming. Let's be careful of language, not make issue seem worse.

Tom Wheeler: Little Arden domiciles have been made conforming. Will a list be made public of what domiciles are being presented to the County? Steven: Yes, after individual households have been contacted.

11.0 FOREST COMMITTEE

Alton Dahl reported that committee is developing a workshop to invite those concerned to develop a policy about trees on forest policy thought to be a hazard to leaseholders. Probably in February, 2007.

This report was accepted unanimously.

12.0 PLAYGROUND

Larry Walker made the following report.

Since the last Town Meeting, the required three Playground Equipment Inspections were made, and the equipment was adult tested for safety. All equipment appears to be in good and safe condition.

The Playground Committee has been unable to obtain wood chips similar to those used in previous years, and many different suppliers had been contacted. The only playground chips available in a good quality are a manufactured trademarked product that is twice as expensive as what the Committee had been using.

We have installed the manufactured product under the playground equipment on the Village Green, and will continue to finish the equipment there. We will continue to install this product under swings on the Sherwood Green until our budged funds are exhausted. However, this means that the Budget Committee should anticipate an increase in the Playground Committee's annual maintenance budget of \$1,000 for the next budget cycle.

The main effort of the Committee has been maintaining a bed of wood chips under the playground equipment. Over time, the wood chips break down, decay, and are kicked away, but keeping a thick bed of chips is the best way to provide a cushion for when a child accidentally falls. According to the national statistics on playground safety, over 80% of all playground injuries are the result of falls from equipment. A soft landing surface makes a great difference in reducing injuries. Because of our efforts in previous years, there is still a significant cushion of wood chips under all equipment, so safety has not been compromised.

This report was accepted unanimously.

13.0 REGISTRATION

Cecilia Vore made the following report.

The Registration Committee met on October 1 to update the record of eligible voters. This record was continually updated up to the Nov. 2 elections, and is updated periodically throughout the year.

The 2007-2008 Budget Referendum and the election of the 2007 Board of Assessors was conducted on Thursday, Nov. 2. There were 353 residents eligible to vote in these elections. We received 223 valid envelopes containing ballots; that is, 63% participation.

Under the rules for approval, the budget needed 177 yes votes to pass. Every item on the budget was approved. The votes in detail are as follows:

173 votes for "Approve Entire Budget," 7 "Disapprove Entire Budget"

and 34 ballots with itemized disapprovals. There were 2 invalid ballots. The town secretary was given a copy of the final tally for all items for the records. These individual disapprovals were as follows:

Advisory Committee: 0; Archives: 14; Board of Assessors: 0; Buzz Ware Village Center (BWVC) Program/Administration: 6; BWVC Maintenance: 5; BWVC Renovations: 4; Civic - Roads & Commons: 4; Civic - Trash & Special Pickup 2; Community Planning: 6; Forests: 5; Playground Committee: 4; Registration Committee: 2; Safety Committee - General: 4; Safety - Town Watch Coordinator: 13; Safety - Harvey Rd Speed Enforcement: 19; Salary-Secretary: 3; Salary-Town Bookkeeping: 3; Town Admin. Expenses: 3; Donations - ACRA: 1; Donations - *Arden Page*: 4; Donations - Arden Library: 3; Donations - Fire Companies: 3; Gild Hall Rental: 16; and Contingencies: 3.

The following residents were elected to the Board of Assessors in order: Alton Dahl (convener), Denis O'Regan, Mary Marconi, Walter Borders, Larry Walker, Brooke Bovard and Charles Robinson.

Results were posted on the town website and bulletin boards on Nov. 3. This report was accepted unanimously.

14.0 SAFETY

Bill Theis, Lackey, made the following report for Denis O'Regan.

Recent complaints included vandalized mailboxes and unapproved fires at Indian Circle. At one Indian Circle fire, the New Castle County police issued warnings and got those involved to clean up the area. In October, mail was taken from a mailbox, gone through and some scattered. In January, fireworks were set off in a mailbox, burning some of the mail beyond recognition. Also some unsafe parking complaints. Betty O'Regan has tendered her resignation as Town Watch Coordinator pending her replacement.

Ed Rohrbach: Have people reported missing trash cans? One incidental report. Steven Threefoot said he has heard of trash cans going down to Indian Circle and the axles of burnt plastic trash cans have been found in the firepit at Indian Circle.

Sue Rothrock: Civic gets complaints about Hillside and Millers that there are only two stop signs, and many would like four. Getting close calls. Also would like a sign noting that Hillside is a dead end. This would stop cars going down there only to turn around.

This report was accepted unanimously.

15.0 NEW BUSINESS: Letter Opposing House Bill 1

Bev Barnett: Move that we send a letter to the State Legislature opposing House Bill 1 and supporting yard waste ban. Seconded by Greg Morrison.

Resolution: The Village of Arden supports the yard waste ban and supports recycling of yard waste. We oppose House Bill 1 which would eliminate the yard waste ban and adversely affect Cherry Island landfill.

Sue Rothrock: Wayne Smith has pulled House Bill 1. Read this today. Some other legislator has introduced motion to delay implementation.

Steve Tanzer: Doubts that bill has been stricken, probably only tabled, meaning it can come up at any time. Support this proposal. This is right thing to do, environmentally and for neighbors.

Mike Curtis: Can individuals handle yard waste better than Cherry Island?

Bev Barnett: Our recycling does not go to Cherry Island; House Bill 1 would send it to be buried.

Alton Dahl: Rest of county does not have a system to deal with yard waste. Rest of county needs to follow our lead. People are asking what should we do with it.

Question called. For: 45; Opposed: 3; Abstaining: 2.

15.1 NEW BUSINESS: Join Neighborhood Support Group

Ruth Bean: There is a neighborhood support group has been in existence for many years to help people drive to medical appointments and stores, to actually purchase food and other items, and to do small tasks for those who cannot. A lot of our drivers can no longer do this work. There are three dispatchers: Donna Drysbach, Hardy Hoegger, and Ruth Bean. Anyone who can help, please contact Ruth at 475-6140.

15.2 NEW BUSINESS: Painting by Leander Lightner

Phil Fisher noted that he has a painting by Leander Lightner, almost identical to one on loan to the Archives from Mark Taylor. Phil wants to give his to the Archives. Applause. Mike Curtis says, "Phil, I take back all I ever said about you." June Kleban says, "This painter used to live in Arden. It would be interesting to know more about this painting."

16.0 GOOD AND WELFARE: 100-Year Old Resident

June Kleban announced that we have a 100-year-old resident here, a resident since 1912, our barber, Frank Harrison: vegetable-gardener extraordinaire. His birthday was December 25. June took him a cake after the over-80s party and took a picture of him. Frank doesn't actively garden anymore or cut hair but he is very sharp. He owns the building at Marsh and Harvey that the Steak Shop is in.

Mike: I noticed you didn't say he was a great barber. June: I never needed his services and my son never got his hair cut as far as I know.

16.1 GOOD AND WELFARE: Wind Farm

Mary Lo: I heard Delmarva Power is talking about putting up wind farm. Can we support this?

Beverly Barnett: Will this affect mid-Atlantic flyway adversely?

17. MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:00 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

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